

### REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the rejections contained in the final Office Action of October 30, 2007 is respectfully requested.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 18-23 in view of the prior art. However, the Examiner also indicated that remaining claims 14-16 and 24-35 are allowed, and the Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication of this allowable subject matter.

As indicated above, rejected claims 18-23 have now been cancelled, leaving only allowed claims 14-16 and 24-35.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. However, if the Examiner should have any comments or suggestions to help speed the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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